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Office Action Summary

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09/667,225

Applicant(s)

ODA ET AL.

Examiner

Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-6, 10, 12 and 15-18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 7-9, 11, 13-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 September 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been reviewed; the objections and rejections cited are as stated below.
2. The information disclosure statement filed 9/21/00 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent; each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered. Applicant is suggested to submit a copy of English abstract for the Japanese patents items AJ-AL, along with a new PTO 1449, for further consideration.
3. Figures 1, 2, 3A and 3B should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hind et al. (U.S. 6,585,778).

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6. Regarding claims 1 and 11, Hind discloses, a data delivering method delivering data to a device which is connected to a network, comprising: transmitting structure information including information for collecting element data from a first device to a second device; collecting element data by the second device according to the structure information; and transmitting the element data collected by the second device to a third device. (Hind disclose a client device, i.e., a third device, request information from one or more servers, i.e., a second device, through a gateway or intermediary device, i.e., a first device or a relay device. The gateway or intermediary device, executing and transmitting DTD, stylist, XML, i.e., structure information, to collect data from the various servers and transmitting the collected data to the client device, Fig. 3-6; Col. 2, lines 9-46; Col. 3, line 25-Col. 4, line 37; Col. 7, lines 9-50).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 7-9 and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hind et al., (U.S. 6,585,778).

9. Regarding claims 7-9 and 13-14, Hind discloses the invention substantially, as discussed in claim 1 above, including generating structure information, e.g., XML code, for collecting data from source of information deliver to its client. Hind does not explicitly disclose reiteration of collecting data from source(s) and delivery to target(s), according to the structure information.

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However, without specifying, how the data collection and delivery was accomplished by using such structure information, the claims' language has omitted an essence of the invention, which rendering the claims requirement to merely using structure information to repeatedly for collecting number of data elements over network, which is conventional technique. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to recognize that was merely an obvious variation of choice, which could be done by simply making minor modifications of data element identifiers in the structure information, to enable the codes to collect multiple data elements.

10. Claims 2-6, 10, 12 15-18 are allowed.

11. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of records individually or in combination failed to disclose the method apparatus and program instructions in a readable medium, (hereinafter collectively referred to as a "system"), for making and using the structure information, which includes a first and a second and a third information, as recited in language of the claims. In which in light of specification and as illustrated in figures 28-39, the system generates XML codes, which includes data collection device(s) identifications and data elements' identifications and client devices' identifications. The system uses the codes, for collecting data, by the collection devices, identified in the codes, collects the data, which are specified by and within the codes, and delivers the collected data to the clients, identifier by the client list within the codes.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

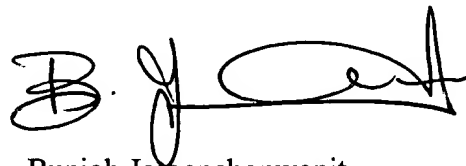
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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bunjob Jaroenchonwanit whose telephone number is (703) 305-9673. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (703) 308-5221. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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